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...TO CLEAN UP
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"WILL SOMEONE TELL ME WHAT THE BLAZES HAPPENED?! WHERE'S SPIDER-MAN?! WHERE'S THE SILVER-HAIRED MAN?
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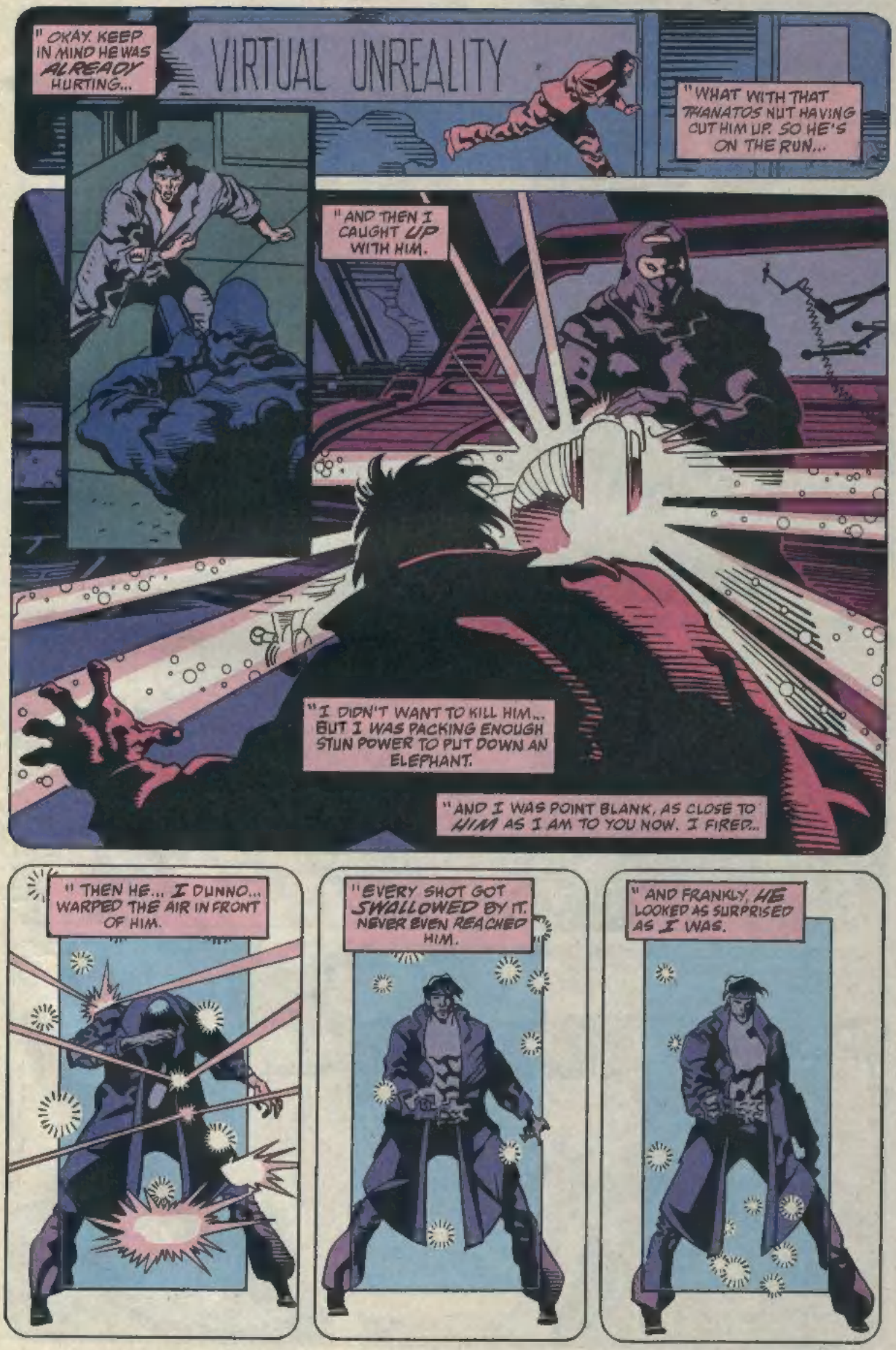
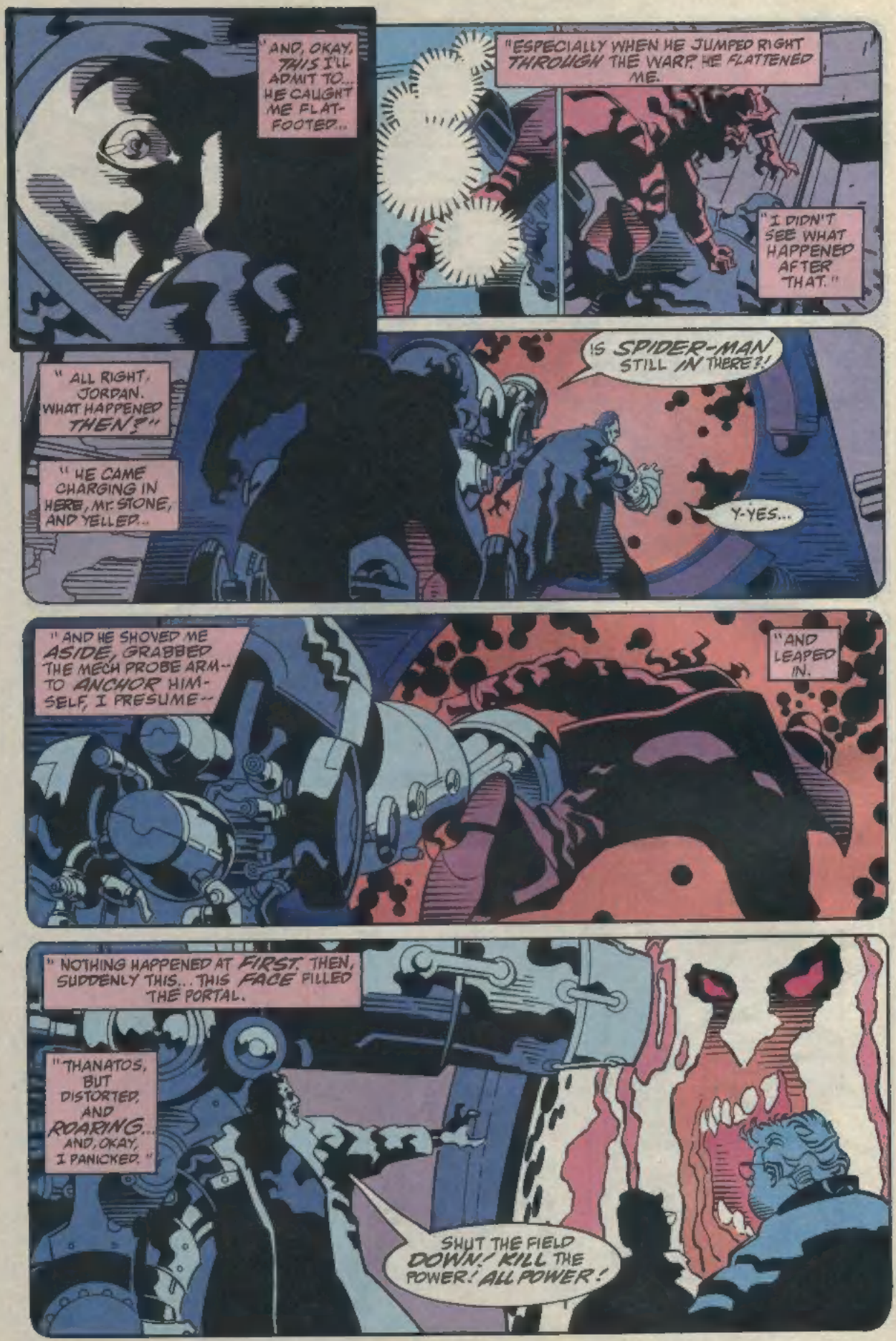
WELL, JORDAN? YOU'RE THE ALLEGED PROJECT LEADER...
...OR AT LEAST ITS KEEPER.
I'M CALLED TO AN EMERGENCY MEETING, LEAVE MATTERS IN YOUR HANDS FOR FIVE MINUTES, AND COME BACK TO FIND...
WHAT? TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING, JORDAN. NOW.
FIRST OFF, Mr. STONE, WE HAD A HANDLE ON EVERYTHING.
BUT YOUR PEOPLE COULDN'T KEEP A GRIP ON OUR INTER-DIMENSIONAL VISITOR.
WHATTAYA WANT FROM US, HOT-SHOT?
WE HAD HIM LOCKED DOWN! BUT THEN HE STARTED USING THIS NUTSO POWER...
THAT SEEMS ALL THE RAGE THESE DAYS. CONTINUE.


VIRTUAL UNREALITY
" OKAY. KEEP IN MIND HE WAS ALREADY HURTING...
" WHAT WITH THAT THANATOS NUT HAVING CUT HIM UP. SO HE'S ON THE RUN...
" AND THEN I CAUGHT UP WITH HIM.
" I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL HIM... BUT I WAS PACKING ENOUGH STUN POWER TO PUT DOWN AN ELEPHANT.
" AND I WAS POINT BLANK, AS CLOSE TO HIM AS I AM TO YOU NOW. I FIRED...
" THEN HE... I DUNNO... WARPED THE AIR IN FRONT OF HIM.
" EVERY SHOT GOT SWALLOWED BY IT. NEVER EVEN REACHED HIM.
" AND FRANKLY, HE LOOKED AS SURPRISED AS I WAS.


"AND, OKAY, THIS I'LL ADMIT TO... HE CAUGHT ME FLAT-FOOTED..
"ESPECIALLY WHEN HE JUMPED RIGHT THROUGH THE WARP. HE FLATTENED ME.
"I DIDN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT."
"ALL RIGHT, JORDAN. WHAT HAPPENED THEN?"
"HE CAME CHARGING IN HERE, Mr. STONE, AND YELLED...
IS SPIDER-MAN STILL IN THERE?!
Y-YES...
"AND HE SHOVED ME ASIDE, GRABBED THE MECH PROBE ARM-- TO ANCHOR HIM-SELF, I PRESUME--
"AND LEAPED IN.
"NOTHING HAPPENED AT FIRST. THEN, SUDDENLY THIS... THIS FACE FILLED THE PORTAL.
"THANATOS, BUT DISTORTED, AND ROARING... AND, OKAY, I PANICKED."
SHUT THE FIELD DOWN! KILL THE POWER! ALL POWER!

"THIS MASSIVE ARM STARTED TO COME THROUGH, AND I COULD SWEAR I HEARD... LAUGHTER...
"THEN THE POWER WENT DEAD, AND THE LAUGHTER TURNED TO SCREAMS.
"THE FACE JUST... JUST BLEW APART...
"THE ONLY THING LEFT WAS THE ARM. CARBONIZED."
AND SPIDER-MAN AND THE NEWCOMER... THEY NEVER MADE IT BACK?
NO, SIR.
TYLER!
DANA, THIS ISN'T A GOOD TIME...
NOT A--?! TYLER, SOME MADMAN ATTACKED US! KIDNAPPED YOU--!
WHERE'S MIGUEL?!
HE MUST BE WORRIED SICK!
MIGUEL... ISN'T HERE.

IT'S...ONLY A SURFACE WOUND, SPIDER-MAN...
BUT THE... THE BLEEDING DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN STOPPING.
I THINK I'VE RUINED YOUR COUCH.
WE SHOULD REALLY GET YOU TO THE DOCS IN THE BOX, BUT THAT'S LIKE SENDING UP A FLARE TO ALCHEMAX.
THIS IS A HEAT SEALER. IT'LL WORK ON SKIN AS WELL AS FABRIC AND METAL...
...IF YOU DON'T MIND THE SMELL OF BURNING FLESH...
...AND THE FACT THAT IT'LL HURT LIKE...
DO IT.
STOP YAMMERING AND DO IT.

SS
SSSS
INCREDIBLE! NOT A SOUND OUT OF HIM!
LYLA! BOOT ME UP A MEDICAL TEXT ON WOUNDS! HURRY!
LYLA! BLAST IT, WHERE ARE YOU?!
TERRIFIC.
WH... WHO'S... LYLA...?
NO ONE. LITERALLY.
DON'T TRY TO TALK. IT'S OVER. YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE.
THAT'S EASY... FOR YOU TO SAY.
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I...
...DON'T KNOW.

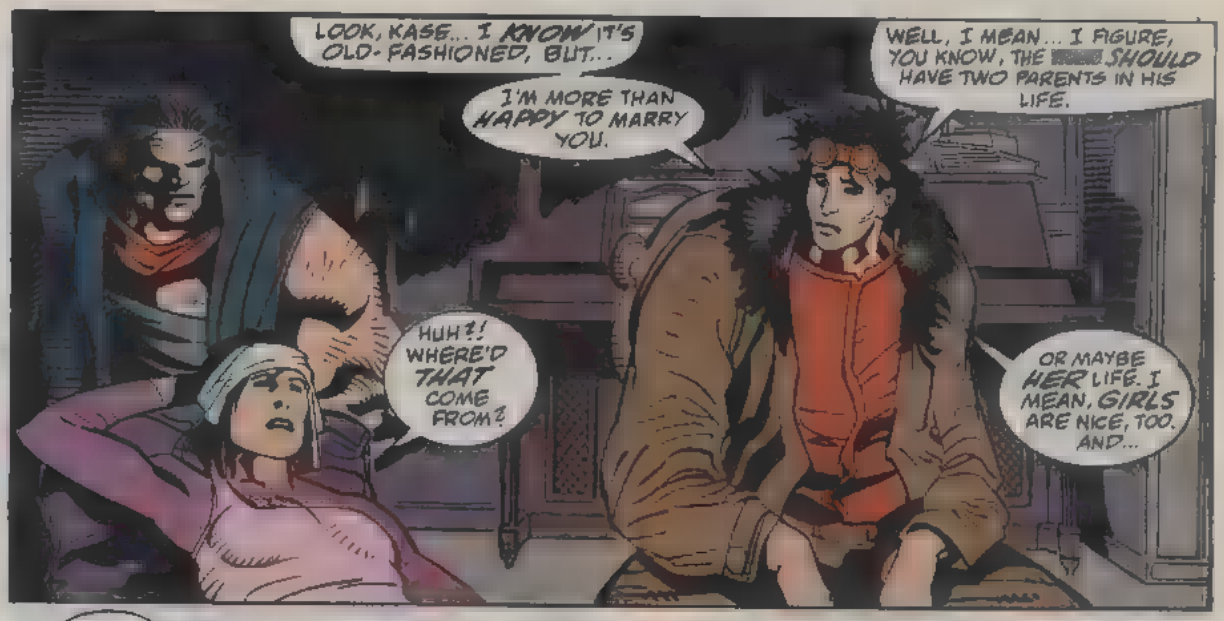
KNOCK KNOCK.
KASEY? IT'S ME, GABE. HOW ARE YOU...
...DOING?
HOW DO YOU THINK SHE'S DOING, JERK-WEED?
DON'T MIND RAFF, O'HARA. HE JUST FUSSES OVER ME, IS ALL.
WHAT THE SHOCK'S WRONG WITH YOU, HON'?
LET'S GIVE YOU SOME HINTS. SHE'S DIZZY.
SHE'S TIRED A LOT. SHE'S VOMITING.
AND YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR HER CONDITION.
OHHHHH MAN.

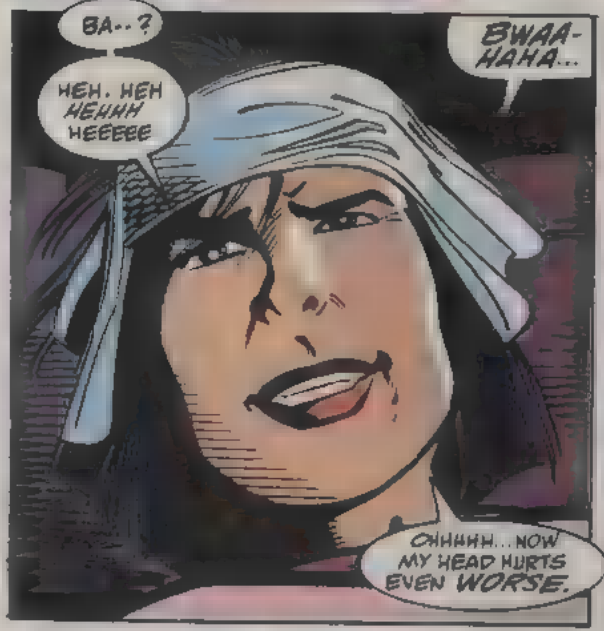
WHAT, YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A HOLOPHOTO BEFORE?
IT'S JUST... ODD... SEEING SUCH TECHNOLOGY USED SO CASUALLY.
SHE'S A LOVELY GIRL. WHAT'S HER NAME?
DANA.
AND THIS YOUNG MAN IS YOU?
YEAH. YEAH, THAT'S ME.
CONSIDERING THAT, AT THIS POINT, I THINK WE PRETTY MUCH OWE EACH OTHER OUR LIVES, WE MIGHT AS WELL BE STRAIGHTFORWARD WITH EACH OTHER.
MY NAME'S MIGUEL O'HARA. NOW... MIND TELLING ME WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT "HAPPENED" IS THAT BEING A PRISONER HELD NO ATTRACTION FOR ME... EVEN IN 2099.
SO I BROKE FREE AND HEADED FOR THE PORTAL TO HELP YOU...
... BECAUSE YOU SEEMED... FAMILIAR SOMEHOW.
BROKE FREE HOW?
I HAVE POWERS, MIGUEL. I DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND THEM.
I HAD OTHER ABILITIES, ONCE, I THINK. BUT SOMEHOW, FROM THE RESULT OF THE CROSSOVER, OR PERHAPS THE TIME TRAPPED IN INTERSPACE... THEY'VE CHANGED.
WHEN I WISH TO SHIELD MYSELF FROM HARM, I WARP SPACE IN FRONT OF ME. ANYTHING THAT ENTERS THE FIELD VANISHES INTO... WHEREVER. ANYTHING EXCEPT FOR MYSELF, AND WHATEVER I'M TOUCHING. IN THAT INSTANCE, CONTROL IS POSSIBLE.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?

"WHEN I USED THAT MECHANICAL ARM AS AN ANCHOR, I WAS ABLE TO ENTER THE PORTAL AND FIND YOU.
"THEN I SAW THANATOS COMING AFTER US. INSTINCTIVELY I CREATED A WARP FIELD AROUND US.
"APPARENTLY, MY POWER IS PSIONIC IN NATURE. I DO NOT KNOW THIS WORLD, AND I FOUND MYSELF INSTINCTIVELY WANTING TO GO TO THE PLACE YOU FELT SAFEST.
AND HERE WE ARE.
MIGUEL O'HARA'S RESIDENCE.
LYLA, I'M CALLING FROM ALCHEMAX. IS MIGUEL HERE?
NO, DANA. HE'S NOT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE?
YES. TELL HIM I'M HERE...
...AND THAT I'M WAITING TO HEAR FROM HIM.
TELL HIM I'M SAFE, AND THAT I LOVE HIM.
ALL RIGHT, DANA.

I REALLY, REALLY ADVISE AGAINST THIS.
I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT MY WOUND IS SEALED, AND I AM NO STRANGER TO PAIN.
I WANT TO EXPLORE THIS NEW WORLD.
BUT I HAVE A MILLION QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU.
AND BESIDES, SEALED OR NOT, YOU'VE STILL SUSTAINED A MAJOR INJURY.
BUT YOU WANT TO GO WALTZING AROUND NEW YORK. WHAT'RE YOU, CRAZY?
YOU KNOW.., I BELIEVE I MIGHT BE.
...
OKAY, LET'S GO.
OH! GOOD! THERE YOU ARE!
LYLA, PUT A CALL OVER TO SYNTHIA. SEE IF DANA IS THERE. IF SO, PUT ME ON WITH HER.
ALL RIGHT, MIGUEL.
IS THIS THE "NET PROPHET" THAT EVERYONE IS DISCUSSING?
YUP. IN THE FLESH.
OKAY, PROPH... ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR YOU WANT TO SEE?
THE BEST AND [redacted] OF WHAT THERE IS.
THE SCALES MUST BE BALANCED.
SHE'S NOT THERE, MIGUEL. NOR IS SHE AT ALCHEMAX OR HER APARTMENT.
SHE HASN'T CALLED, HAS SHE?
NO, MIGUEL.
WELL, IF SHE DOES, TELL HER I'M OUT LOOKING FOR HER, AND THAT SHE SHOULD STAY PUT.
AND TELL HER I LOVE HER.
ALL RIGHT, MIGUEL.

SO, DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU WISH TO GO FIRST?
YEAH, PRETTY MUCH.
THINK IT, THEN, AND WE SHALL BE THERE.
SHRA-KOOOOM
HEY! NO!
WAI--!
HAVE A NICE DAY MIGUEL.

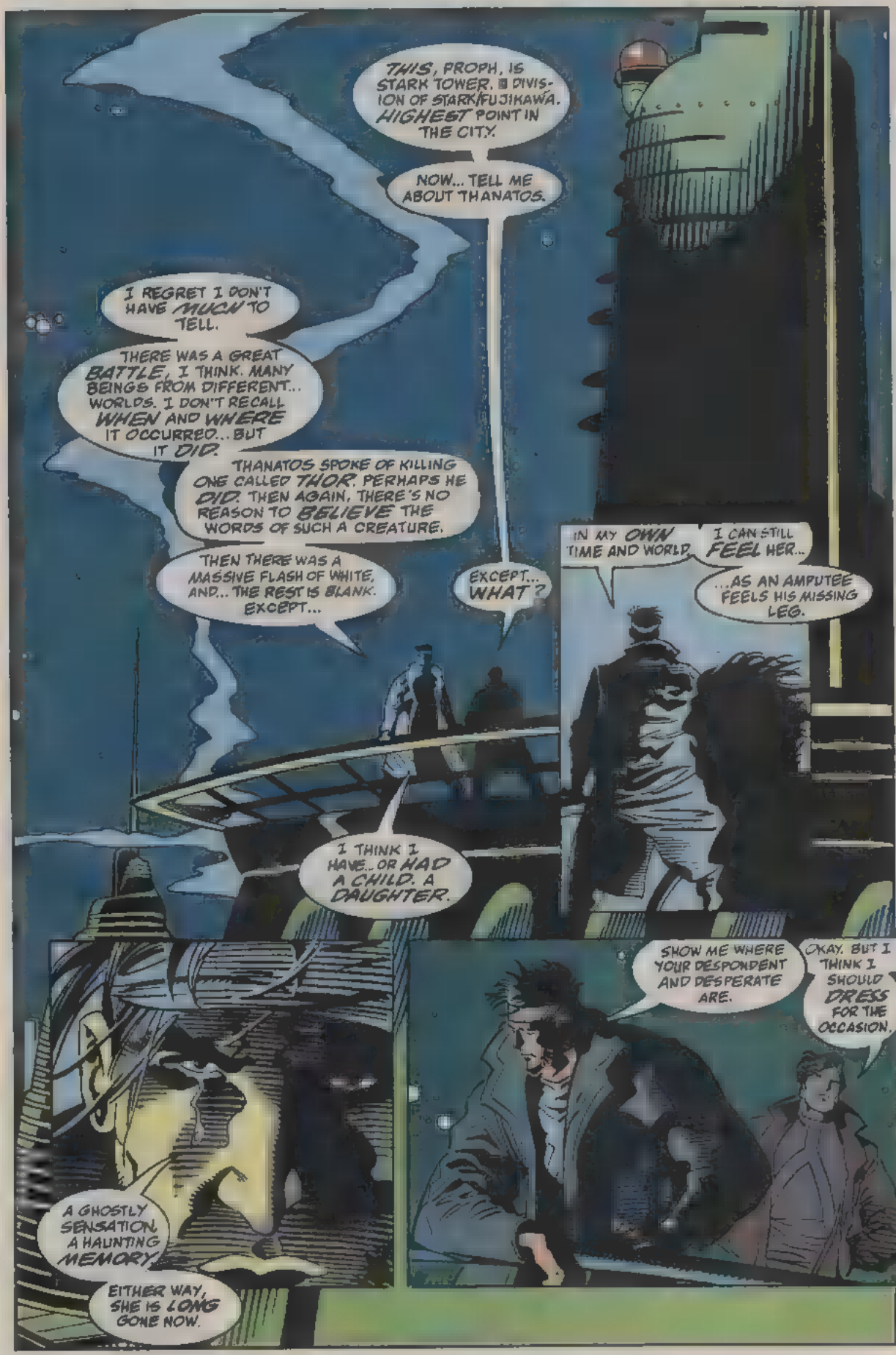

LOOK, KASE... I KNOW IT'S OLD-FASHIONED, BUT...
I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO MARRY YOU.
WELL, I MEAN... I FIGURE, YOU KNOW, THE [redacted] SHOULD HAVE TWO PARENTS IN HIS LIFE.
HUH?! WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?
OR MAYBE HER LIFE. I MEAN, GIRLS ARE NICE, TOO. AND...


BA..?
HEH. HEH HEHHH HEEEEE
BWAA-HAHA...
OHHHHH... NOW MY HEAD HURTS EVEN WORSE.

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
SHE'S NOT PREGNANT, YOU MORON! SHE'S GOT A CONCUSSION FROM WHEN YOU BOUNCED A BULLET OFF HER SKULL!
OH.

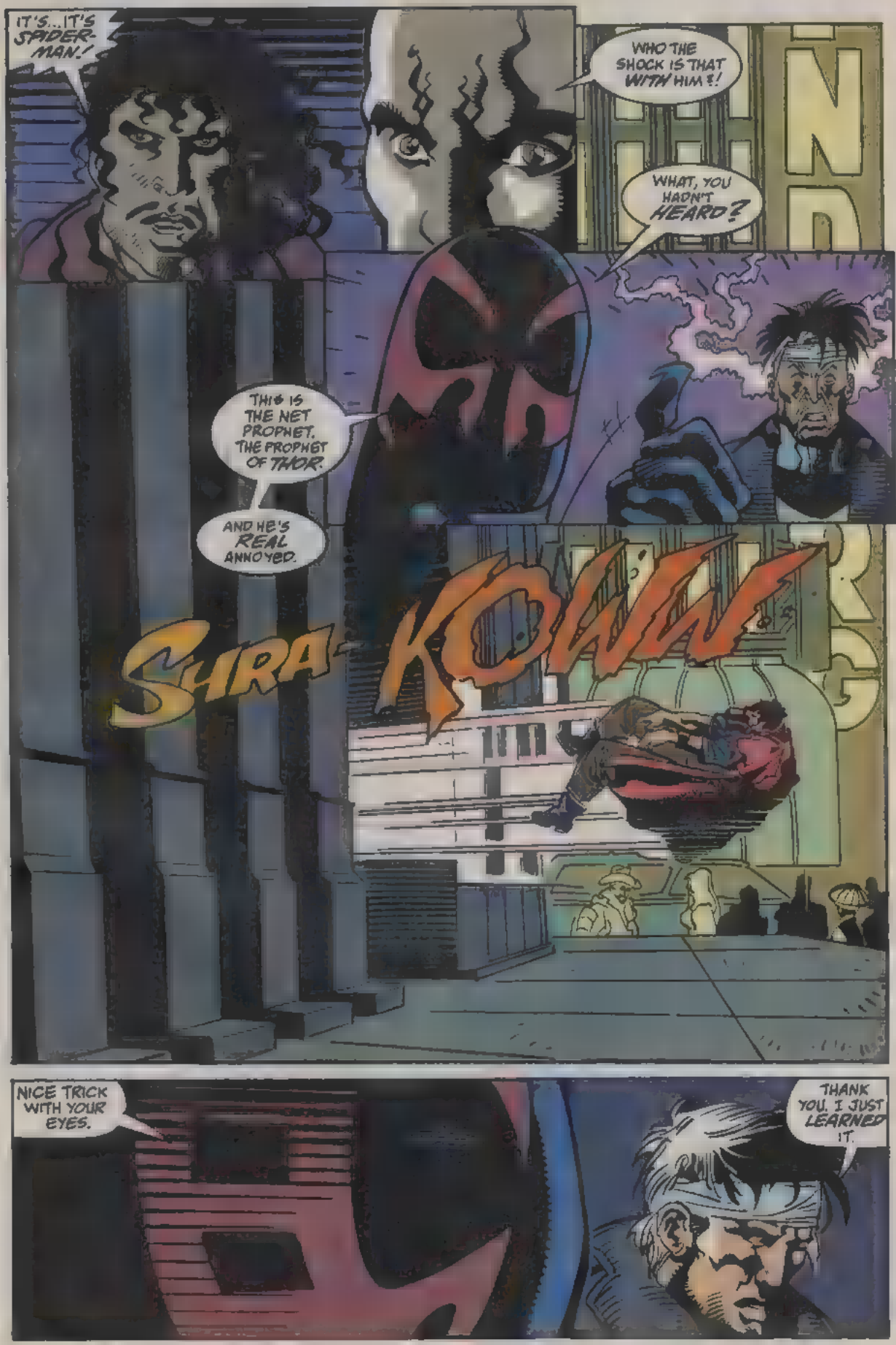
IT'S NOTHING MAJOR. HONEST.
YOU CAN'T JUST LAUGH OFF A CONCUSSION, KASE. EVEN A MINOR ONE.
YEAH? WELL, YOU'RE THE [redacted] WHO GOT HER INTO THIS, HOTSHOT. WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO TO GET HER OUT?

I... I DUNNO. I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN PICK HER UP AND CARRY HER TO THE DOCTOR.
THANKS. THAT'S A BIG HELP.


THIS, PROPH, IS STARK TOWER. A DIVISION OF STARK/FUJIKAWA. HIGHEST POINT IN THE CITY.
NOW... TELL ME ABOUT THANATOS.
I REGRET I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO TELL.
THERE WAS A GREAT BATTLE, I THINK. MANY BEINGS FROM DIFFERENT... WORLDS. I DON'T RECALL WHEN AND WHERE IT OCCURRED... BUT IT DID.
THANATOS SPOKE OF KILLING ONE CALLED THOR. PERHAPS HE DID. THEN AGAIN, THERE'S NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE WORDS OF SUCH A CREATURE.
THEN THERE WAS A MASSIVE FLASH OF WHITE, AND... THE REST IS BLANK. EXCEPT...
EXCEPT... WHAT?
IN MY OWN TIME AND WORLD
I CAN STILL FEEL HER...
...AS AN AMPUTEE FEELS HIS MISSING LEG.
I THINK I HAVE... OR HAD A CHILD. A DAUGHTER.
SHOW ME WHERE YOUR DESPONDENT AND DESPERATE ARE.
OKAY. BUT I THINK I SHOULD DRESS FOR THE OCCASION.
A GHOSTLY SENSATION. A HAUNTING MEMORY.
EITHER WAY, SHE IS LONG GONE NOW.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL... DOWNTOWN...
AND WE'RE HUNGRY!
UNH!
LET US IN, FATHER JENNIFER. LAST WARNING.
THE CHURCH IS [redacted] TO ALL WHO HAVE FAITH, BUT WE HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR HEARTS FOR VIOLENCE.
YEAH? WELL, Y'KNOW WHAT I HEAR? I HEAR YOU GOT MAJOR FOOD STASHES AROUND HERE.
GET THESE CREEPS OUTTA THE WAY AND FIND OUT WHERE SHE'S GOT THE SUPPLIES HIDDEN. UNLESS, OF COURSE, THE FATHER HERE WANTS TO MAKE IT EASY ON HERSELF.
OWWWUNH!
ON... ON YOUR KNEES... AND BEG GOD FOR FORGIVENESS...
...BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

YOU THINK YOUR GOD HAS ANY POWER OVER ME?!
WAK
COME ON, "GOD!"
THIS IS OGUUN OF THE FENRIS TALKING TO YOU! HERE, IN YOUR HOUSE!
GO AHEAD, GOD! TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!
SHRAKOOOM
WELL, WELL, WELL...
I HAD INTENDED TO COME HERE TO APOLOGIZE TO THE GOOD FATHER FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I CAUSED [redacted] THE VULTURE FRACAS.
[redacted] IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN MAKE AMENDS FAIRLY QUICKLY.


IT'S...IT'S SPIDER-MAN!
WHO THE SHOCK IS THAT WITH HIM?!
WHAT, YOU HADN'T HEARD?
THIS IS THE NET PROPHET, THE PROPHET OF THOR.
AND HE'S REAL ANNOYED.
SHRA-KOOM!
NICE TRICK WITH YOUR EYES.
THANK YOU. I JUST LEARNED IT.

AS FOR THE REST OF YOU..
HEY!
GET BACK HERE!
PWZZ
AKKKK!
PWZZZZ
Yuckkk!
PARDON ME, FATHER. I'M GOING TO TAKE THESE SINNERS OUT WHERE THEY CAN SEE THE LIGHT. MAYBE THEY'LL REPENT.
HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL, MY SON. IF, HOWEVER, THEY CONTINUE TO HARBOR THOUGHTS OF HOSTILITY...
...KICK THEIR SHOCKIN' FACES IN.
YES, MA'AM, FATHER.

ALL RIGHT! LISTEN UP, ALL OF YOU!
THE HARBINGER OF THOR AND THE PROPHET OF THOR HONOR ALL RELIGIONS!
BL-BLOODSWORD WILL GET YOU FOR THIS! HE WON'T TAKE THIS LYING DOWN!
THEN I'LL KNOCK HIM FLAT SO IT'LL BE EASIER FOR HIM.
I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT "BLOODSWORD." BUT YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS...
ALL OF YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED! BECAUSE I'M GIVING FAIR WARNING...
KEEP YOUR MEATHOOKS OFF THIS PLACE, OR WHAT I DID TO YOU THIS TIME WILL BE LIKE A WALK IN THE PARK BY COMPARISON! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YOU BLEW IT BIG TIME, "HARBINGER." YOU--
I SAID, "DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!"
YES! YES!
"YES" WHAT?
YES, SIR!

LOOK! THE WORD ON THE VINE WAS TRUE! HE'S COME BACK!
YEAH, WELL, YOU'VE SEEN HIM. NOW LET'S GET YOU BACK TO YOUR APARTMENT...
O'HARA, DON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!? DON'T Y--
UNHHHHH...
KASEY!

AM I... DREAMING AGAIN?
DON'T WORRY.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE...
FINE.
SHE'S COMING ALONG JUST FINE.
DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE.
I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE IN SOME TROUBLE WITH THE LAW. THE SAME LAW THAT REQUIRES ME TO REPORT BULLET WOUNDS.
HOWEVER, SPIDER-MAN ASKED ME NOT TO, AND THAT'S MORE THAN GOOD ENOUGH FOR...
SP- SPIDER-MAN?
HE TOLD US WHERE HE WAS BRINGING YOU, AND THEN SWUNG ACROSS TOWN CARRYING YOU. IT WAS SOMETHING TO SEE.
YEAH... SOME-THING.
WOWWW...

HEY, PROPH! WHERE'D YOU GO?!
UP HERE.
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION TO YOUR WORLD, SPIDER-MAN. BUT I THINK IT'S TIME FOR ME TO EXPERIENCE IT THROUGH MY EYES, RATHER THAN YOURS. THE GOOD FATHER SUPPLIED ME WITH DEHYDRATED FOOD. I SHALL BE FINE FOR NOW.
BUT... YOU CAN'T...
OF COURSE I CAN.
GO IN PEACE, SPIDER-MAN.
YOU, TOO, PROPH.
YOU, TOO.
NEXT: DEATH ON HIGH!